

Celebrating Arbor Week – Tualatin Loves Trees!

Arbor Week is observed in Tualatin during the first full week of April, which this year will be April 6 – 12, 2014. Arbor Week is observed throughout the nation and the world and people and communities are encouraged to plant, care for, and celebrate the many values of trees. You can do that at home or join in one of our community's fun Arbor Week activities.

This year Tualatin will celebrate being named a **Tree City USA** for the 27th time. Of the roughly 60 cities in Oregon that have been bestowed the title of Tree City USA, Tualatin ranks among the very oldest of participants. Why? The people of Tualatin have long seen the health of its tree canopy as vital to their sense of well being and as a defining characteristic of our community. A healthy tree canopy touches our lives and provides us the daily benefit of cleaner air, shadier streets, and the aesthetic beauty that trees provide. The Tree City USA signs at Tualatin's entrances tell visitors that this is a community that cares about its environment. It is also an indication to prospective businesses and residents that the quality of life is better here.

There are many fun ways you can celebrate trees at home or with your community.

Put Down Roots in Tualatin by participating in the **Arbor Week tree planting event** at Tualatin Community Park on Saturday, April 12. For information on tree planting events visit <http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer/put-down-roots-tualatin-0>.

Winning posters from the City of Tualatin's annual 5th Grade **Arbor Day Poster Contest** will be displayed at the Tualatin Public Library during Arbor Week. This year's theme is "Trees are _____" so young artists could develop their own theme. Look for information about the contest at Tualatin public schools.

Submit your photos for the **Arbor Week Photography contest!** The best photo of a Tualatin tree will win a \$50 cash, a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant and have your photograph displayed on the City of Tualatin's webpage. All submissions must be received by March 31, 2014.

For information about how to enter the contest, and information about all of the Arbor Week activities please visit <http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/arbor-week-0>.